

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
JASON WILLIAM SHEEDY, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

INFORMATION CR 12-204 SRN  
(18 U.S.C. § 1343)

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Information:

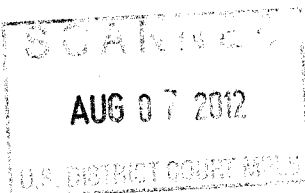
1. Jason William Sheedy (hereinafter "Defendant") resided in the State of Minnesota.
2. AXA Art Insurance Corporation ("AXA"), was an insurance company that insures art work, items of historical value, rare books, and other comparable items.
3. Artbrokerage.com was an Internet web site for an auction house and gallery in Henderson, Nevada.

COUNT 1  
(Wire Fraud)

4. From at least in or about September 2007 and continuing in or about May 2011, in the State and District of Minnesota and elsewhere, the Defendant,

JASON WILLIAM SHEEDY,

did knowingly and intentionally devise and execute a scheme and artifice to defraud AXA, and to obtain money and property from them by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and



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promises.

5. In or about at least September 2007, Defendant insured several works of art and items of historical value with AXA.

6. On or about September 27, 2007, Defendant filed an insurance claim with AXA claiming that several pieces of art and items of historical value had been stolen from a moving van. Pursuant to his claim, Defendant sought \$274,905.00 as compensation for the allegedly stolen items.

7. On or about January 28, 2008, AXA mailed Defendant a check, via U.S. Mail, in the amount of \$254,832.00 as payment for his claim.

8. On or about May 24, 2011, in the State and District of Minnesota and elsewhere, the Defendant,

**JASON WILLIAM SHEEDY,**

for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme and artifice to defraud, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce, by means of a wire communication, certain signs and signals, that is, an online listing posted on artbrokerage.com for the sale of six paintings reported stolen to AXA on or about September 27, 2007.

11. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

Count 1 of this Information is hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures

pursuant to Title 18 United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

As a result fo the offenses alleged in Count 1 of this Information, the defendant **JASON WILLIAM SHEEDY**, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

If any of the above-described property is unavailable for forfeiture as described in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States shall be entitled to forfeit substitute property as provided for by Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

Dated: August 6, 2012

B. TODD JONES  
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